

I think it's unfortunate what's happened to radio in the last 10 years. Most radio stations across the country have been scooped up by a few large corporations, and in the process competition in broadcasting and even the recording industry has been suppressed. Radio stations have been homogenized to the point that even though there are different radio stations out there catering to different tastes, like country, rock, etc., a country station in Chicago will have the exact same playlist as a country station in Seattle, or Boston, and every other market, large or small. It's even more ridiculous that DJ's are bound to the same playlist forced upon them by their corporate owners, unless they want to risk getting fined, suspended, or fired. Not only does this rob listeners the ability to choose what they want to hear, but the practice has kept other musicians, mostly from small labels, from getting access on the radio. As a result, radio has begun to cater only to the biggest record labels with the largest promotional/marketing resources.

The Bush administration has to set things right again by making radio the diverse, competitive medium it once was, a medium that was a promotional tool open to a broad range of musical artists. Once that happens, the music industry will begin to thrive once more as better music becomes available to everyone (and not just music that's pushed by massive marketing campaigns that aren't very discriminating in their tastes).